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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: S. INOHARA, et al

Serial No.: 09/416,961

Filed: October 13, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING EXTENSIBLE
NETWORK-ATTACHED SECONDARY STORAGE

Group: 2171

Examiner: E. P. Leroux

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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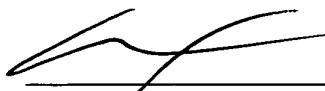
Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding final Office Action dated May 27, 2004, and as a result of the filing of a Notice of Appeal on October 27, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (Case No. 520.37728X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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